



## Current Information on the Wilcox Oil Superfund Site & Open House Meeting

Bristow, Oklahoma

May, 2015

### This fact sheet will tell you about:

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### Open House Meeting

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) will host an Open House. This Open House will provide an opportunity for you to get up to date information about the site and planned activities, meet **one-on-one** with Agency staff, and discuss your questions or concerns. This is a come-and-go event that will last from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. You can spend as little or as much time as you wish at the Open House. There will be no "sit-down" formal technical presentations or group question and answer period. Posters, maps, handouts, and interactive computer information will be available.

### **OPEN HOUSE MEETING**

**May 19, 2015 4 to 6 PM**

**Bristow-Public Library**

**111 West 11th Street**

**Bristow, Oklahoma 74010**

### Current Actions at the Site

The EPA and ODEQ met with residents on March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015, to talk about the Wilcox Oil Superfund Site. During these meetings, residents expressed interest in having their properties sampled. As a result, the EPA and ODEQ will be in the area sampling residential properties in May 2015 and fencing additional areas of concern.

The residential sampling is being done to compliment other activities that have been taken.

- In July 2014, the EPA installed a cap on the drinking water well near the Church on the Site and put up a fence with signs around an area of concern.
- In November 2014, ODEQ informed EPA that there was a potential elevated level of lead in the blood of a child living on the Site. The EPA developed a sampling plan and sampled the property in December 2014. A small area near a former pit was identified as a concern and will be fenced in May 2015.
- Currently ODEQ is performing quarterly testing of drinking water wells for residents in and around this Site and nothing was found above the Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs).

### The National Priorities List

The National Priorities List, or NPL, is a list of top priority sites to be addressed through the Superfund Law. Initially, 406 sites were

listed when established in 1983; currently more than 1,685 sites are identified.

The EPA and the states continue to evaluate potential future sites. With the current rulemaking announcement, the EPA added the Site to the NPL on December 12, 2013.

### **The Superfund Process**

The Superfund cleanup process begins with site discovery or notification to EPA of possible releases of hazardous substances. Sites are discovered by various parties, including citizens, State agencies, and EPA Regional offices. EPA then evaluates the potential for a release of hazardous substances from the site through a step-by-step process that includes site assessment, site inspections, and a ranking process to determine whether the site should be added to the NPL. Once on this list, EPA determines the best way to clean up the site to protect human health and the environment. Opportunities for community involvement occur throughout the process.

### **Site History**

Wilcox Oil Company is an inactive and abandoned oil refinery located in Bristow, Creek County, Oklahoma. Operating from the 1920's until the mid-1960s.

The area of the former refineries is approximately 125 acres.

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***<http://www.epa.gov/region6/6sf/6sf-ok.htm>***

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